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> USSN 09/129,565 for "INHIBITION OF VIRAL INFECTION AND SPREAD RE:

WITH VIRAL AND RHOA-DERIVED PEPTIDES" by Graham & Pastey (Client

ref.: 9849)

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) A Response to Restriction Requirement, with an enclosed petition for extension of time;
- (2) A check in the amount of \$55.00 as the fee for the extension of time; and
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Barney S. Graham Manoj Pastey

Serial No.: 09/129,565

Filed: 8/5/98

For: INHIBITION OF VIRAL INFECTION AND SPREAD WITH VIRAL AND

RHOA-DERIVED PEPTIDES

Group Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: L. Scheiner

Atty. Dkt. No.: VBLT:002/HYL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MAY 10, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 10, 2000, for which the date for response is July 10, 2000, by virtue of the petition for extension of time stated below and payment of requisite fees.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of one month, to and including July 10, 2000, in which to respond to the restriction requirment dated July 10, 2000. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed, which 06/27/2000 SSESHE1 00000069 09129565

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is the process fee (\$55.00) for a one-month extension of time. If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/10005331/01973.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, a viral RhoA fusion protein having 67-109 RhoA residues.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 418-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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